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MURDER AND SUICIDE IN SMOKY ROW

GEORGE EDWARDS, COLORED MINER, KILLS WIFE AND THEN TAKES OWN LIFE WITH SMALL POCKET KNIFE.

DOMESTIC TROUBLES CAUSE OF TRAGEDY

RUTLEDGE NEGRO CUTS THROAT OF WHITE WIFE AND FOLLOWS AWFUL DEED WITH HIS OWN DEATH.

J. Houdyshell shot through head and instantly killed. Eva Bliss was arrested for the murder but could not be convicted on the evidence.

Mary Chesser was murdered by having her throat cut. The murderer was not apprehended.

Bennie Ferrall, colored, shot and killed Miles Morrow. Morrow had two trials and was not convicted.

Lizzie Robinson, colored, was shot and killed by Ossie Cutler Robinson, white. Case against defendant was dismissed during the last term of court upon motion of county attorney.

Mrs. Leora Edwards, white, murdered by her husband, Geo. Edwards, colored, last night. Edwards cut his wife's throat with a pocket knife and afterwards suicided with the same instrument.

George Edwards, a colored coal miner of Rutledge, murdered his white wife, Leora Edwards last night at 7:50 o'clock, by almost completely severing her head from her shoulders with a medium sized pocket knife, and with the same instrument he punctured his own throat several times, completing the murder-suicide. The bodies of the two victims are at Crowley's undertaking parlors and the circumstances of the double tragedy are being investigated this afternoon by Coroner A. W. Slaughter and his jury.

The murder-suicide occurred at the home of Allen King, 519 East Mill street, four doors east of College. Mrs. Edwards, who since leaving her husband some three weeks ago, had been living with her father, David Haveron, 517 East Mill street, and gone to the King home to spend the evening, and Edwards followed shortly. "I'm going away, King, and I want to talk with her before I go," was the remark Edwards made to King previous to entering the back bedroom where the tragedy occurred shortly after King and Walter Scott, who rooms at the King home, were seated on the rear porch, when Mrs. King heard Edwards and his wife scuffling in their room. She called her husband who endeavored to enter the room, but failing, he forced the door open and as he was about to enter, the woman, with her throat cut, staggered into his arms. Mrs. King relieved Mr. King of the burden and he proceeded on into the room, where Edwards was applying the fatal instrument to his own neck. The suicide was aided to the front part of the house, from which spot he staggered out to the yard, and there beside the dead form of his wife his self-inflicted death took place.

Leora Haveron and George Edwards were married at Fairfield about five years ago, and they have two daughters, Gladys, four years old, and Dola, three years of age. They had lived in Fairfield and Centerville, but had spent most of the past year in Ottumwa and Rutledge. The dead man was eleven and very popular with all. A member of the U. M. W. A., which organization will have charge of his funeral. He was about 26 years old. Mrs. Edwards was 21 years of age.

Had Been Quarreling. Edwards and his wife had been indulging in a series of marital quarrels for the past month. Two weeks ago, Mrs. Edwards left her husband and came to live with her father, bringing her two children along. Edwards, according to the police, made periodical visits to Ottumwa to plead with his wife to return to Rutledge, which she refused to do. Sunday, May 16 he visited this city and enlisted the aid of Chief Gallagher to intercede for him with the woman. Edwards returned home with the two children, thinking his wife would follow, but she remained here. Saturday night he came to Ottumwa, and with his wife spent the night at the King home. According to the statement of Mrs. Haveron this morning, Edwards was not allowed

Missouri Prisoner Suicides on Eve of Murder Trial

Huntsville, Mo., May 24.—On the eve of his trial for murder, Irving Carter, aged 23, committed suicide by shooting himself early today. A year ago he shot and killed Thos. R. Bagby because Bagby had wronged his sister. There was great surprise in Huntsville over Carter's suicide, as he was popular and public sympathy was on his side. It was the general belief that he would be acquitted. His imprisonment after avenging his sister's honor, however, is believed to have preyed on his mind until he became mentally unbalanced.

LAWYER KILLS CLIENT; BLUFFS AT ENDING LIFE

JOHN W. BEAM, OHIO MAN ACCUSED OF SLAYING WIDOW, DAUBED SELF WITH BLOOD TO AVOID LYNCHERS.

Lima, Ohio, May 24.—John W. Beam, a well known lawyer and real estate dealer who is sought by the police on the charge of murdering Mrs. Estella M. Diltz, a young widow who was shot and instantly killed in her doorway last night, attempted to end his own life today. The killing of Mrs. Diltz is said to have been the result of litigation between the widow and the attorney to recover property belonging to the former.

Suicide Attempt a Bluff. Columbus, Ohio, May 24.—Attorney Beam is not dead by his own hand as reported. Beam, when a posse of indignant citizens got after him, rushed into a barn and going to the haymow, inflicted three minor wounds in the arm, then rubbed blood into his hair and on his face. When found he was supposed to be dying and he was rushed to a hospital. According to doctors, Beam was not wounded in the head at all, but had rubbed the blood in his hair to deceive the posse and save himself from lynching.

Students Narrowly Escape Death. Iowa City, May 24.—(Special)—Merle Alderman of Marion, captain of the freshmen track team, and George Maxfield of Malcom, broad jumper of the same team, were taking a night ride on the Iowa river when the canoe upset. After a desperate struggle and when completely exhausted, they were saved by the crew of the launch which chanced to arrive in the nick of time.

Henderson Defeats Travers. Edinburgh, May 24.—In the first round of British amateur golf championship tournament today W. A. Henderson of the Royal and Ancient golf club, defeated Jerome D. Travers, the American champion, 2 up and one to play.

Alleged Forger Gets Arrested. Albion, May 24.—(Special)—A miner by the name of Thomas Jones, in the employ of the National Coal company, forged a check on the company and, securing the money, started west. Sheriff Griffin was notified and got on his trail, captured him at Chariton and returned with him to Albion Saturday night.

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JOHN T. CARMODY GRAPPLES WITH INTRUDER IN HOME AND IS SHOT IN ABDOMEN; PRIEST ROBBED AT POINT OF GUN.

Cedar Rapids, May 24.—(Special)—The city council offers a reward of five hundred dollars for the arrest of the burglar who shot Mayor Carmody this morning. The shooting occurred about 1 o'clock. The burglar, after robbing the home of Father Toomey, securing a gold watch and \$25, entered the Carmody home. Carmody was aroused and grappled with the intruder, who shot the mayor in the abdomen, and then escaped. Carmody was taken to the hospital. It was first believed the mayor was fatally injured, but reports from the hospital show the bullet did not penetrate the vital organs and the mayor will undoubtedly speedily recover. The shooting has created great excitement.

GOES TO U. S. SUPREME COURT. Judges of U. S. Circuit Court Certify Railroad Case Direct to Higher Authority.

St. Louis, May 24.—Disagreeing, two against two, on the government's suit to dissolve the terminal of the railroad association of St. Louis, the judges of the United States circuit court have certified the case direct to the United States supreme court. No action was received from St. Paul here today. The complaint is that the alleged association and consolidation of the parallel and competing roads and ferry and bridge companies are engaged in the interstate commerce and are acting in violation of the federal statutes.

MINER IS KILLED. Charles H. Ewers Meets Death While on Railroad Tracks Near Centerville.

Centerville, May 24.—(Special)—Charles H. Ewers met death late Saturday night on his way home in Gladstone from this city. An Iowa Central train is thought to have run over him. He was a miner and is survived by his wife and three children.

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RETAIN DUTY ON LUMBER IS ADVICE OF ROOT

NEW YORK SENATOR SAYS PLANNING BUSINESS WOULD GO TO CANADA IF DINGLEY RATES WERE SET ASIDE.

Washington, D. C., May 24.—An extended plea for a differential duty on dressed lumber was made in the senate today in connection with the consideration of the tariff bill by Senator Root, who cited various lumber interests along the Canadian border and gave reasons why they should be accorded a protective tariff.

"My impression is," said Root, "that the differential of the Dingley bill is just about at the right point to maintain a healthy opportunity for business and a healthy restraint upon business. I do not think there can be a reduction in these differentials that would not transfer a large portion of the planning business to Canada."

The so-called sugar trust, was the subject of an attack in the senate today by Senator Owen of Oklahoma, who sent to the secretary's desk a denunciation of the trust published yesterday in a local newspaper.

"This account," said Owen, "points out one of the most evil and insidious consequences of the building up in this country of these gigantic organizations protected by this so-called tariff which has led to the poisoning of the fountain of information of the people of the United States so that millions of dollars have been stolen from the people."

He asked to have the newspaper attack read in order that it might appear in the record, which was done. Philippine Tariff Bill. The Philippine tariff bill was finally passed by the house today, after several previous efforts had been made to put it through but which had failed because of lack of a quorum.

New Brigadier General. The president today sent to the senate the nomination of Col. Richard T. Yeatman of the 11th infantry to be a brigadier general.

Hammond Declines Post. After an hour's interview with the president today John Hays Hammond definitely declined the tender of the ministership to China.

OFFICERS IN CONTEMPT. Supreme Court Issues Citations for Sheriff and Deputy Who Dodged Lynching.

Washington, D. C., May 24.—The case of John E. Shipp, sheriff of Hamilton county, Tenn., and nine others charged with contempt of the supreme court of the United States in connection with the lynching of a negro named Ed Johnson at Chattanooga in March, 1905, was finally disposed of by that court today in an opinion by Chief Justice Fuller which directed that an attachment issue for Shipp, his deputy, Gibson and four other defendants. Information against three defendants were dismissed.

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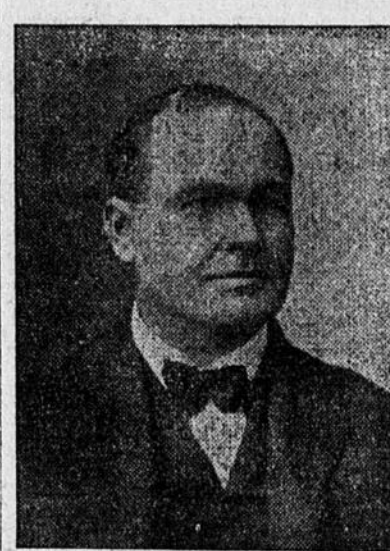
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Judge and Lawyers Ready For the Trial of Murderer John Junkin



JUDGE M. A. ROBERTS who hears the case.



CO. ATTORNEY SENECA CORNELL, who prosecutes the murderer.

MOTHER AND 3 CHILDREN DROWN

FOUR DAYS' RAIN IN OKLAHOMA BRINGS RUIN TO RAILROADS AND HOMES.

Guthrie, Okla., May 24.—At least four lives are lost and thousands of dollars damage has been done to railway and farm property by a flood prevailing today in northeastern Oklahoma as the result of four days of continuous rain fall. Mrs. W. W. Brown and three children were drowned at Foraker. All streams are bank full and still rising.

Afton Party Submerged. Vinita, Okla., May 24.—One of the heaviest rain falls in Oklahoma in recent years has swollen the Grand, Canadian and Arkansas rivers and other streams to a flood stage, causing much damage to railroad property, farms and partially submerging the town of Afton, twelve miles east of Vinita.

Iowans at Louisville Taxation Meeting. Des Moines, May 24.—Governor Carroll has appointed Iowa delegates to the international conference of state and local taxation at Louisville, Ky., to be held Sept. 21. The delegates are, J. H. Jackson, Sioux City; A. C. Savage, Adair, and Chas. McLean, Dubuque. Alternates, F. G. Pierce, Marshalltown; F. T. True, Council Bluffs, and Karl Johnson, Osage.

Government as Intervenor. Washington, D. C., May 24.—As a result of appeals to the Federal Board of Mediation to use its efforts to settle the strike of firemen on the Georgia railroad, Commissioner of Labor O'Neill and a member of the board will leave for Atlanta tonight.

May and September Wheat Soars. Chicago, May 24.—Both May and September wheat established a new high record today, largely on the bullish reports from Kansas predicting a crop shortage in that state. May early sold at \$1.33 1/4, 1 1/2 over Saturday. September brought \$1.10. July sold at \$1.13 1/4.

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BRIEF REVIEW OF THE BRUTAL JUNKIN CRIME

MURDER FOR WHICH NEGRO MAY FORFEIT HIS LIFE WAS THE MOST SICKENING TRAGEDY IN OTTUMWA'S HISTORY.

The Courier will have a special representative in attendance at the trial of John Junkin in Centerville, and this paper will publish daily during the progress of the proceedings a complete account of every action. Special telephone arrangements have been made whereby the entire morning sessions of court and the afternoon sessions will be handled up to the time of going to press.

"Guilty of murder in the perpetration of robbery, and we fix the penalty death by hanging," or "Not guilty." These words are the verdicts that will be bitterly fought for by County Attorney Seneca Cornell and Judge J. C. Mitchell in the court room of the Appanoose county court house, beginning Tuesday afternoon, May 25, when the fate of John Junkin, the self-confessed murderer of Miss Clara Rosen, will be declared by the jury which sits in the proceedings.

Whether or not John Junkin will be hung for the murder which his written confession declares he committed, or whether he will go free or be punished in a lesser manner for the crime, is awaited patiently by the relatives of the dead girl and her innumerable friends. The father of the murdered girl will testify, and the mother of the accused negro will be called to plead in her son's behalf. The case is expected to continue throughout this week. Judge M. A. Roberts of Ottumwa will be the presiding judge at the term now in session, will hear the case. County Attorney Seneca Cornell will be assisted by E. R. Mitchell, assistant county attorney of Wapello county, and Judge Hittell, who the court appointed to defend Junkin, will be assisted by F. M. Hunter of Ottumwa and John R. Price of Albion.

The crime with which John Junkin is accused was the most brutal ever committed in Ottumwa. On the night of the terrible tragedy, after dining with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rosen, Sr., and cheerfully passing light remarks to her younger brother, Fred Rosen, Jr., Miss Rosen left her home on Plum street to go to that of her sister's Mrs. G. O. Nelson, on the corner of Third and Plum streets, and that she would go by the roundabout way, she started out alone. That was the last the grieving parents

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CELEBRATE EMPIRE DAY

Anniversary of Birth of Queen Victoria Honored Throughout the British Kingdom.

London, May 24.—Empire day, which comes on the anniversary of the birth of the late Queen Victoria, was more generally observed today than since its inauguration. This day is selected as the occasion upon which the children honor the flag. It was celebrated in every part of Great Britain and it is estimated that all told not less than fifteen million saluted the national emblem.

King Edward, supported by the Prince of Wales, held a levee at St. James palace. Ambassadors Reid and J. R. Carter, secretary of the American Embassy were among the diplomatic guests present.

Man Drowned; Companion Held.

Iowa City, May 24.—(Special)—The dead body of an unknown man, aged about 23 years was found partially submerged in Clear creek under the Rock Island bridge. The dead man is thought to be Howard Keveney of Chicago. C. L. Concanin of Davenport, his last companion has been arrested here.

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NEGRO MURDERER WOULD COMMIT SUICIDE BEFORE HE WOULD BE A VICTIM OF MOB; FEARS FOUL PLAY.

PRISONER NERVOUS; DOCTOR CALLED

CENTERVILLE OFFICERS BELIEVE THEY HAVE SITUATION WELL IN HAND FOR THE TRIAL WHICH BEGINS TOMORROW.

Centerville, May 24.—(Special)—County Attorney Seneca Cornell, his assistant, E. R. Mitchell, and Witness Daniel Hannon, formerly chief of police of Ottumwa, arrived in the city this afternoon for the trial of John Junkin, which begins tomorrow. Judge M. A. Roberts, who spent Sunday at his home in Ottumwa, also returned this afternoon.

Centerville, May 24.—(Special)—"They'll never crack my neck," was the statement made by John Junkin in his steel cage at the jail here where he awaits the beginning of his trial Tuesday. He has brooded over a mob scene in which he is the central figure till asleep or awake he is in mortal agony and trembles at the slightest sound. He has made up his mind that no mob shall have him for torture till he has made a desperate attempt to end his own life. His guards say he is so near a nervous collapse that he would not have the courage to take his own life, but would fall an easy prey to any mob that might try to take him so far as his own resistance went.

County Physician J. P. Neely had to be called to attend him to prevent his total breakdown and collapse which would make it necessary to carry him to the court room for trial. He is suffering from a stomach disorder brought on, so the physician says, by his nervousness, lack of sleep, and failure to eat his meals properly. After restoratives were applied he felt better.

Guards in Charge. Heavily armed guards are at the jail night and day. Many visitors ask to see him, but all are refused, for fear injury might be done him or some one might hand him a weapon or poison. The few visitors that were admitted started him so that he could talk with difficulty. He would dodge into his bunk, cower in a corner of the cage, and his eyes would roll as he trembled and sobbed. Since roll call he has been refused to see all visitors have been refused. He is becoming more pacified. He observed that the jail was an old one and not secure looking. It is also down in a hollow, two blocks from the square, with barns and other buildings around it which would easily hide the approach of a mob. All these things have been noted by him with the greatest apprehension.

Officers Well Organized.

William Bray, ex-sheriff and captain of the guards, has everything well organized. It would be a most difficult matter for a mob to form in Centerville, or suspicious persons to approach from several miles outside without his sentinels sending in a report. The officers do not profess much confidence in their being able to save the negro should a mob appear at the jail, but they are relying on strategy and their organization to save him. Should a mob appear it is very doubtful whether they would find Junkin in the jail after they had forced the doors. Sheriff Clark, who professed considerable concern when Junkin was placed in his hands entirely unaware, now believes the situation is in hand and no violence will result. When Sheriff Jackson of Ottumwa, called at the jail with the prisoner early Friday morning was the first Sheriff Clark knew he had been taken outside the penitentiary walls.

Another matter that is causing much speculation is how to handle the court crowds. It is feared someone might appear in the court room, if the trial is public, with a revolver and make an attack on Junkin. So there has been some suggestion of not having the trial public. On the other hand it is believed that with closed doors the public would become so agitated as to make an outbreak almost sure. So it is probable the trial will be public and all strangers searched by officers as they enter the court room.

Chicago Society Man Sued. Chicago, May 24.—Adrian C. Honore, brother of Mrs. Potter Palmer and himself a prominent society man, is made the defendant in a suit for \$50,000 damages filed here Saturday by James H. LaPearl, who charges the alienation of his wife's affections.

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